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FITCHBURG MAN ARRESTED ON GUN AND DRUG CHARGES

BOSTON, MA - A Fitchburg man was charged today in federal court with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and selling drugs to an undercover officer.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Boston Field Division, Colonel Mark Delaney, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police and Edward Cronin, Chief of the Fitchburg Police Department, announced today that **RICHARD MONTALVO**, age 28, of 15 Highland Avenue, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, was charged in a criminal complaint with felon in possession of a firearm and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

The Complaint alleges that on July 27, 2006, an undercover officer arranged to meet **MONTALVO** and his accomplice, Ricardo Rodriguez in a parking lot in Fitchburg to purchase a firearm and crack cocaine. The undercover officer paid **MONTALVO** five hundred and fifty dollars for a .38-caliber revolver with six rounds of ammunition. It is also alleged that during the same meeting, **MONTALVO** sold crack cocaine to the undercover officer as well.

It is further alleged that during the meeting, Rodriguez informed the undercover that he had 9 millimeter handguns coming, brand new out of the box, which he could sell for six hundred and fifty dollars each.

If convicted on these charges, **MONTALVO** faces up to 20 years imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years supervised release, a \$1 million fine and a special assessment of \$100. On the felon in possession charge, he faces 10 years imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 dollar fine and a special assessment of \$100.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Boston Field Division, Massachusetts State Police Gang Unit and Fitchburg Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Hennessey Chief of Sullivan's Worcester Branch Office.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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